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SUBJECT: FURTHER ITALIAN REACTION TO CHILEAN SITUATION

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1. ITALIAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO EVENTS IN CHILE. GENERAL TONE OF REPORTAGE IS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF JUNTA, AND HIGHLIGHTS STORIES OF CONTINUED RESISTANCE AND REPRESSION BY CHILEAN MILITARY.

2. ACTIVITIES OF UP GROUP WHICH HAS GATHERED IN ROME (REFTEL) CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PUBLICITY. DURING PAST TWO DAYS GROUP HELD MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF ITALIAN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY PREDICTABLY WORDED COMMUNIQUE PLEDGING SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN DEMOCRATIC FORCES AND CONDEMNATION OF JUNTA WERE ISSUED. AFTER MEETING WITH ITALIAN COMMUNISTS, IT WAS REPORTED THAT UP GROUP INTENDED TO SET UP PERMANENT SECRETARIAT IN ROME TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF FORCES SEEKING REESTABLISHMENT OF UP IN CHILE.

3. ROME PRESS SEPTEMBER 21 CARRIED INTERPELLATION DRAFTED BY ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY GROUP IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. GENERAL THRUST WAS HARSH CRITICISM OF COUP AND JUNTA, PARTIALLY BALANCED BY CRITICISM OF UP WHICH, ACCORDING DC STATEMENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRIBUTED TO ITS OWN DOWNFALL BY ITS REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH

CHILEAN DC. INTERPELLATION CALLED ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO WORK
IN ALL APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORUMS FOR RESTORATION OF
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, NORMAL PARTY LIFE, HUMAN RIGHTS
AND SECURITY FOR POLITICAL REFUGEES IN CHILE. DC GROUP ALSO
WARNED THAT CHILEAN EXAMPLE WAS OBJECT LESSON TO DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNMENTS WITH DIVERSE COMPONENTS, ITALY INCLUDED, TO AVOID
THE INTRA-PARTY STRIFE WHICH DESTROYED CHILEAN DEMOCRACY.
(FOREIGN MINISTER MORO IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE GOVERNMENT REPLY TO
DC INTERPELLATION AND THOSE OF OTHER PARTIES ON SEPTEMBER 26.)
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